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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1648  
LASSEN, et al. ) Examiner: MOSHER, M.  
Serial No.: 09/978,272 ) Washington, D.C.  
Filed: October 17, 2001 ) August 28, 2002  
For: ASSAY FOR DIRECTLY ) Docket No.: LASSEN=2A  
DETECTING A RS VIRUS )  
RELATED BIOLOGICAL... ) Confirmation No.: 4444

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.115

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S i r :

In response to the office action mailed March 28, 2002,  
please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 44.

Please amend claims 1-4, 7, 10-21, 24, 28-34, 36-39, 41-44  
to read as follows: (Ex. Note: Amended Cls & Clean copy of  
claims(not amended) are all here together OK?)

1. (amended). A kit for directly detecting a RS virus related biological cell or biological particle present in a sample in an amount of less than about 2000 cells or particles per microlitre ( $10^{-6}$  litre), said kit comprising
- i) a solid support, and
- ii) a plurality of a first targeting species bound to the solid support, said targeting species being capable of directly binding a predetermined RS virus related biological cell or biological particle when it is present in a sample that is brought into contact with the solid support, and

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